

## Glide Foundation Building Modernization Project Letters of Support

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Tenderloin Community Benefit District
Hamilton Families
The Gubbio Project
San Francisco AIDS Foundation
Saint Francis Foundation
Larkin Street Youth Services
San Francisco Community Health Center



## Wednesday, March 8, 2023

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi

Speaker Emerita

United States House of Representatives

1236 Longworth House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515

Re: Community Project Funding Request — Glide Foundation Building Modernization

Dear Representative Pelosi,

On behalf of **HomeRise**, I am writing to support the proposal from Glide Foundation (GLIDE) for its Building Modernization project. As one of San Francisco's largest social service providers, GLIDE has, over the past 60 years, consistently stepped up to address the needs of San Francisco's most vulnerable individuals and families. GLIDE has been an essential partner in launching thousands on the path to personal transformation and stability. With new challenges of increased income disparity, housing shortages, the opioid crisis, and COVID-19, demand for GLIDE's services has burgeoned, along with the need for new and more impactful approaches.

**HomeRise**, is a non-profit, permanent supportive housing provider in San Francisco, California. Our mission and goals are to advocate for the social, political and economic needs of our residents so that they can become self-sufficient individuals in the larger San Francisco community. **HomeRise** is one of GLIDE's neighbors and partners, serving our most vulnerable in San Francisco's Tenderloin district. This neighborhood holds the largest concentration of San Francisco residents experiencing homelessness, those without adequate or stable housing, as well as individuals and families living with little or no income.

**HomeRise** supports GLIDE's proposal to improve its much needed services for our resident community. Most of our residents have faced many adversities which have disconnected them from their communities and other City resources. Therefore, making community services like this program accessible for our extremely low-income resident community will give them an opportunity to (re) build relationships with their loved ones. We believe that GLIDE's work and services directly supports the lives of our resident community who are formerly unhoused folks, some facing mental and behavioral health challenges.

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and future needs. Significant improvements are required to provide services effectively in an accessible and equitable space. **HomeRise** recognizes GLIDE's modernization proposal as an essential component of San Francisco's efforts to address the city's most pressing challenges, including poverty, substance use, health disparities, and racial and economic justice.

We wholly support GLIDE's efforts to modernize their facilities, an investment in our community that will bring dividends for decades to come in realizing our shared mission to alleviate suffering, break cycles of poverty and marginalization, and create a better life for all San Francisco residents.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker Emerita United States House of Representatives 1236 Longworth House Office Builling Washington, DC 20515

Re: Community Project Funding Request — Glide Foundation Building Modernization

Dear Senator Feinstein,

On behalf of Compass Family Services, we are writing to support the proposal from Glide Foundation (GLIDE) for its Building Modernization project. As one of San Francisco's largest social service providers, GLIDE has, over the past 60 years, consistently stepped up to address the needs of San Francisco's most vulnerable individuals and families. GLIDE has been an essential partner in launching thousands on the path to personal transformation and stability. With new challenges of increased income disparity, housing shortages, the opioid crisis, and COVID-19, demand for GLIDE's services has burgeoned, along with the need for new and more impactful approaches.

Compass Family Services appreciates the longtime partnership of GLIDE. The GLIDE building is located in the San Francisco Tenderloin district. This neighborhood holds the largest concentration of people experiencing homelessness, inadequate or unstable housing, and those with little or no income in San Francisco. GLIDE operates with a building not initially designed to serve thousands throughout the year non-stop. The building is more or less in the same state as when it was initially commissioned 60 years ago, and modernization is necessary to meet current and future needs. Significant improvements are required to provide services effectively in an accessible and equitable space. Compass Family Services supports GLIDE's modernization proposal as an essential component of San Francisco's efforts to address the city's most pressing challenges, including poverty, substance use, health disparities, and racial and economic justice.

Compass Family Services recognizes GLIDE as a leader in addressing these inequities in our city and has had many opportunities to work alongside and consult with Glide Foundation. Our organization helps homeless and at-risk families achieve housing stability, economic self-sufficiency, and physical and emotional well-being. We operate ten programs in San Francisco which provide a seamless continuum of services including shelter, transitional housing and housing subsidies, childcare and childcare case management, family resource center services, and mental health and therapeutic services.

GLIDE—a fellow operator of a family resource center in San Francisco—is a longtime service and advocacy partner, and we wholly support their efforts to modernize their facilities, an investment in our community that will bring dividends for decades to come in realizing our shared mission to alleviate suffering, break cycles of poverty and marginalization, and create a better life for all San Francisco residents.

Sincerely,

Hope Kamer, MSW Director of External Affairs and Policy Compass Family Services



March 8, 2023

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker Emerita United States House of Representatives 1236 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Re: Community Project Funding Request — Glide Foundation Building Modernization

Dear Representative Pelosi,

On behalf of the Tenderloin Community Benefit District (TLCBD), we are writing to support the proposal from Glide Foundation (GLIDE) for its Building Modernization project. As one of San Francisco's largest social service providers, GLIDE has, over the past 60 years, consistently stepped up to address the needs of San Francisco's most vulnerable individuals and families. GLIDE has been an essential partner in launching thousands on the path to personal transformation and stability. With new challenges of increased income disparity, housing shortages, the opioid crisis, and COVID-19, demand for GLIDE's services has burgeoned, along with the need for new and more impactful approaches.

TLCBD is one of many of GLIDE's neighbors and collaborators in the San Francisco Tenderloin district. This neighborhood holds the largest concentration of San Francisco residents experiencing homelessness, inadequate or unstable housing, and those with little or no income. Starting in 2005 a non-profit 501c3 was established collaboratively by community leaders and property owners. The city and neighborhood adopted the TLCBD management plan to work towards a mission of neighborhood improvement for all within the district boundaries. A Board of Directors, made up of Tenderloin property owners, residents, business owners and other stakeholders oversees the management of the TLCBD. The full-time management team leads the day-to-day operations of TLCBD initiatives and programs including: maintenance and safe passage of our streets, coordination with City agencies, interaction with our valued residents, and business support services. TLCBD works relentlessly to provide a clean and safe environment. Strong community partnerships and supportive collaboration with city agencies creates positive change in the neighborhood. Organization services are focused on implementing neighborhood



improvements around the physical environment, economic development, and neighborhood pride.

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We wholly support GLIDE's efforts to modernize their facilities, an investment in our community that will bring dividends for decades to come in realizing our shared mission to alleviate suffering, break cycles of poverty and marginalization, and create a better life for all San Francisco residents.

Sincerely,

Kate Robinson

**Executive Director** 



3/8/2023

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker Emerita United States House of Representatives 1236 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Re: Community Project Funding Request — Glide Foundation Building Modernization

Dear Representative Pelosi,

On behalf of Hamilton Families, I am writing to support the proposal from Glide Foundation (GLIDE) for its Building Modernization project. As one of San Francisco's largest social service providers, GLIDE has, over the past 60 years, consistently stepped up to address the needs of San Francisco's most vulnerable individuals and families. GLIDE has been an essential partner in launching thousands on the path to personal transformation and stability. With new challenges of increased income disparity, housing shortages, the opioid crisis, and COVID-19, demand for GLIDE's services has burgeoned, along with the need for new and more impactful approaches.

Established in 1985. Hamilton Families is San Francisco's leading service provider to families experiencing homelessness. Our mission is to end family homelessness in the San Francisco Bay Area. Our pioneering homelessness prevention and housing subsidy programs are nationally recognized. In addition, we provide shelter and stability, and support the well-being of children experiencing homelessness. Hamilton Families is one of many GLIDE partners serving the vulnerable population in the San Francisco Tenderloin district, a neighborhood which holds the largest concentration of San Francisco residents experiencing homelessness, inadequate or unstable housing, and those with little or no income.

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Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer Hamilton Families



In partnership with St. John the Evangelist March, 7th, 2023

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker Emerita United States House of Representatives 1236 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

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Re: Community Project Funding Request — Glide Foundation Building Modernization

Dear Representative Pelosi,

On behalf of The Gubbio Project, we are writing to support the proposal from Glide Foundation (GLIDE) for its Building Modernization project. As one of San Francisco's largest social service providers, GLIDE has, over the past 60 years, consistently stepped up to address the needs of San Francisco's most vulnerable individuals and families. GLIDE has been an essential partner in launching thousands on the path to personal transformation and stability. With new challenges of increased income disparity, housing shortages, the opioid crisis, and COVID-19, demand for GLIDE's services has burgeoned, along with the need for new and more impactful approaches.

The Gubbio Project is one of many of GLIDE's neighbor social service providers in San Francisco. Having served the Tenderloin District for many years, we know that this neighborhood holds the largest concentration of San Francisco residents experiencing homelessness, inadequate or unstable housing, and those with little or no income. The Gubbio Project's mission is to be in community with and to provide a sacred space and sanctuary for unhoused people in need of safe, compassionate respite during the day. Our program is housed at St. John's in the Mission and currently provides critical services to 100 individuals daily through a highly unique and successful model that combines social justice, peer support, and harm reduction. We work closely with our partners at GLIDE on many issues related to emergency services and advocacy for our unsheltered neighbors and know first hand the immense impact their services have on and for the community.

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We wholly support GLIDE's efforts to modernize their facilities, an investment in our community that will bring dividends for decades to come in realizing our shared mission to alleviate suffering, break cycles of poverty and marginalization, and create a better life for all San Francisco residents.

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Lydia Bransten



March 13, 2023

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker Emerita United States House of Representatives 1236 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Re: Community Project Funding Request — Glide Foundation Building Modernization

Dear Senator Feinstein,

On behalf of San Francisco AIDS Foundation (SFAF), I am writing to support the proposal from Glide Foundation (GLIDE) for its Building Modernization project. As one of San Francisco's largest social service providers, GLIDE has, over the past 60 years, consistently stepped up to address the needs of San Francisco's most vulnerable individuals and families. GLIDE has been an essential partner in launching thousands on the path to personal transformation and stability. With new challenges of increased income disparity, housing shortages, the opioid crisis, and COVID-19, demand for GLIDE's services has burgeoned, along with the need for new and more impactful approaches.

SFAF is one of many of GLIDE's neighbors and collaborators in the San Francisco Tenderloin district. This neighborhood holds the largest concentration of San Francisco residents experiencing homelessness, inadequate or unstable housing, and those with little or no income. SFAF promotes health, wellness, and social justice for communities most impacted by HIV, through sexual health and substance use services, advocacy, and community partnerships. We work closely with our partners at GLIDE on many issues related to health care support and advocacy for our most vulnerable neighbors and know first hand the immense impact their services have on the community.

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Sincerely,

Tyler TerMeer, PhD, CEO

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March 14, 2023

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker Emerita United States House of Representatives 1236 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Re: Community Project Funding Request — Glide Foundation Building Modernization

Dear Representative Pelosi,

On behalf of Saint Francis Foundation, I am writing to support the proposal from Glide Foundation (GLIDE) for its Building Modernization project. As one of San Francisco's largest social service providers, GLIDE has, over the past 60 years, consistently stepped up to address the needs of San Francisco's most vulnerable individuals and families. GLIDE has been an essential partner in launching thousands on the path to personal transformation and stability. With new challenges of increased income disparity, housing shortages, the opioid crisis, and COVID-19, demand for GLIDE's services has burgeoned, along with the need for new and more impactful approaches.

Founded in 1979, the Saint Francis Foundation is entrusted to provide philanthropic support to Saint Francis Memorial Hospital and the community the hospital serves. The hospital is one of many GLIDE neighbors and partners in the San Francisco Tenderloin district. This neighborhood holds the largest concentration of San Francisco residents experiencing homelessness, inadequate or unstable housing, and those with little or no income.

Saint Francis Memorial Hospital first opened its doors in 1905 and for over 116 years has played a vital role in caring for its Tenderloin neighbors as well as patients from other San Francisco districts and beyond. The hospital's emergency room is one of the busiest in the city, with over 30,000 patient visits last year. Saint Francis has been in the center of care throughout its history, standing proudly as the city's downtown non-profit hospital as we care for many of the most poor and vulnerable. Saint Francis turns no patient away: their mission is to improve the health of those they serve, especially those who are vulnerable, while advancing social justice for all.

As a critical neighborhood grantmaking organization, Saint Francis Foundation has sought partnerships that strengthen the continuum of care those who often fall through the cracks in the healthcare system in San Francisco. Over many years we have worked closely with GLIDE to address gaps in access to care, ensure appropriate care coordination between care providers, and to provide essential services to individuals in need. Our hospital serves many of the same individuals as they seek medical care.

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YOUTH SERVICES

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker Emerita United States House of Representatives 1236 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Re: Community Project Funding Request — Glide Foundation Building Modernization

Dear Representative Pelosi,

On behalf of Larkin Street Youth Services, I am writing to support the proposal from Glide Foundation (GLIDE) for its Building Modernization project. As one of San Francisco's largest social service providers, GLIDE has, over the past 60 years, consistently stepped up to address the needs of San Francisco's most vulnerable individuals and families. GLIDE has been an essential partner in launching thousands on the path to personal transformation and stability. With new challenges of increased income disparity, housing shortages, the opioid crisis, and COVID-19, demand for GLIDE's services has burgeoned, along with the need for new and more impactful approaches.

Larkin Street Youth Services (Larkin Street) is one of many of GLIDE's neighbors and collaborators in the San Francisco Tenderloin district. This neighborhood holds the largest concentration of San Francisco residents experiencing homelessness, inadequate or unstable housing, and those with little or no income. Larkin Street connects youth who are experiencing homelessness to appropriate and compassionate levels of care, providing wrap around services and development programs that creatively nurture potential, promote dignity, and support bold steps by all. We work closely with our partners at GLIDE on many issues related to support and advocacy for our most vulnerable neighbors and we know first hand the immense impact their services have on the community.

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Sincerely,

Sherilyn Adams, Executive Director

Larkin Street Youth Services

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March 10, 2023

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker Emerita United States House of Representatives 1236 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Re: Community Project Funding Request — Glide Foundation Building Modernization

Dear Speaker Emerita Pelosi,

On behalf of San Francisco Community Health Center (SFCHC), we are writing to support the proposal from Glide Foundation (GLIDE) for its Building Modernization project. As one of San Francisco's largest social service providers, GLIDE has, over the past 60 years, consistently stepped up to address the needs of San Francisco's most vulnerable individuals and families. GLIDE has been an essential partner in launching thousands on the path to personal transformation and stability. With new challenges of increased income disparity, housing shortages, the opioid crisis, and COVID-19, demand for GLIDE's services has burgeoned, along with the need for new and more impactful approaches.

SFCHC is one of many of GLIDE's neighbor social service providers in the San Francisco Tenderloin district. This neighborhood holds the largest concentration of San Francisco residents experiencing homelessness, inadequate or unstable housing, and those with little or no income. SFCHC is an LGBTQ and BIPOC led health organization that believes everyone deserves access to high quality health care. We foster resilience, strength, connection, health, and wellness for all communities. To us, health care will always be grounded in social justice. Our comprehensive, integrated approach to individual and community health puts our clients at the center of our work. Our wide array of medical, mental health, education, and community services are designed to empower people in safe, respectful, and supportive spaces. We work closely with our partners at GLIDE on many issues related to health care support and advocacy for our most vulnerable neighbors and know firsthand the immense impact their services have on the community.

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Sincerely,

Lance Toma, LCSW

CEO, San Francisco Community Health Center